

The Department of State refers to its Aide-Memoire EX No. 341 of June 17, ABF

1960 concerning an exchange of librarians under Section V, Paragraph 8 (e) of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Exchange Agreement of November 21, 1959.

In view of the lack of definite information as to the intentions of the Soviet delegation to visit the United States in September, 1960 and to the lack of response to the proposals contained in the Aide-Memoire under reference, the American Library Association will no longer be able to receive the Soviet delegation this fall.

The American Library Association suggests that the visits of both the Soviet and the American delegations be postponed until the spring of 1961, preferably in May and June although April and May would also be acceptable.

The American Library Association also states that each of these visits should be confirmed and the detailed itineraries agreed at least thirty days prior to each trip. On the American side, such information is necessary in order for the U.S. librarians to plan their own schedules and to make arrangements involving many other persons, all of which is essential to successful conduct of the exchange.

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